

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF KATY AND
TRAVIS MCCABE

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 28, 2022

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Katy and Travis McCabe as the recipient of the Blair County Chamber's prestigious Small Businessperson of the Year Award.

Despite the unprecedented challenges small business owners have endured, and in the face of adversity, Katy and Travis McCabe have responded in stride with positivity, and unwavering determination as they operate Greenbean Coffee house. On their first day of business in 2017, they served over 1,500 drinks, and that number only grows as they have expanded into new and exciting locations and a full-fledged catering service. I wish them well as they plan a new location that will open this year.

On behalf of the people of the 13th Congressional District, I am grateful to the Blair County Chamber for their environment that fosters community growth and success, and for constituents like Travis and Katy for their tireless efforts.

IN RECOGNITION OF ANTONE
"TONY" OLIVEIRA

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 28, 2022

Mr. KEATING. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the 100th birthday of Antone "Tony" Oliveira, a longtime resident of New Bedford, Massachusetts, who served our country in World War II and worked for the railroad industry for more than 40 years.

Born on November 14, 1921, Mr. Oliveira grew up in New Bedford and briefly worked for the Soule Mill before being drafted by the Army. Six months into his service, Mr. Oliveira was unfortunately injured during weapons training and returned home, where he began his career in railroading. Mr. Oliveira worked for New York, New Haven, and Hartford Railroad, which was later consolidated with other railroads and became Con-Rail. Stationed all over the region, Mr. Oliveira sold tickets, sent and delivered telegraph messages, and manned the control towers that operated the switches and signals on the rail. Mr. Oliveira loves to reminisce about his early railroading days in the postwar years when the railroads were extremely busy. He proudly brags that he once sold \$50,000 worth of tickets in June of 1945.

Mr. Oliveira was the last railroad ticket agent in the New Bedford railroad depot and sold the last ticket to the New Bedford-Boston commuter train, which ended service in 1958.

In addition to working on the rails, Mr. Oliveira found time to volunteer for the Disabled American Veterans organization. In 1987, after 44 years of working for the railroad, Mr. Oliveira retired. When he began working, he was No. 237 on the seniority list of the telegraphers roster. By the time he retired, he was No. 5.

In his retirement, Mr. Oliveira continues to be a railroad enthusiast. He frequently takes advantage of his permanent Amtrak pass to visit his family. Mr. Oliveira is hopeful that the New Bedford commuter rail will reopen, and there will be a revival of the once-busy rail line carrying people to and from Boston. Mr. Oliveira told former state Transportation Secretary Richard Davey that he wanted to sell tickets again if the train were to reopen.

As Mr. Oliveira celebrates his birthday with his family, I ask that my colleagues join me in wishing him a happy birthday and a profound thank you for his lifetime of service.

IN RECOGNITION OF MICHELLE
AND BRIAN CREE

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 28, 2022

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the tremendous contributions of Michelle and Brian Cree of Highland Village, Texas. It is my privilege to recognize the philanthropic generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Cree to the people of Denton County over the past twenty-five years.

Originally from Amarillo, Michelle graduated from Texas State University with a degree in Social Work. She began her career with Dallas County MHMR, where she worked with adults with disabilities for thirteen years. Afterwards, she served and held leadership positions with various non-profit organizations, including Metrocrest Community Services, 100 Women of Influence, the United Way of Denton County, The Salvation Army of North Texas, and the Lewisville Education Foundation. In addition, Michelle has been active in the PTA in Lewisville ISD schools, earning her the PTA Lifetime Achievement Award for her service.

A native of Dallas, Brian learned the value of giving at an early age through the example of his grandparents and parents. His mother, Mary Anne Cree, is a well-known philanthropist for whom the headquarters of the United Way of Metropolitan Dallas is named. Under his capable direction, Brian has chaired the Jim Collin/Steve Allen Memorial Golf Event, which since 2017 has successfully raised over \$250,000 in scholarship funds to benefit Denton County students. Brian is a respected business professional, currently holding the title of CEO or Chairman of several companies: SWX Global Design & Production, Cree Visual Marketing Company, Cree Strategic Investments, and SWX Global Container Conversions.

Through their generous contribution of time, talents, and funding, Mr. and Mrs. Cree's efforts have significantly benefited multiple organizations including the United Way of Denton County, the Lewisville Education Foundation, the Denton Public School Foundation, The Salvation Army of North Texas, and the United Way of Metropolitan Dallas. The Crees brokered a crucial partnership between the United Way of Denton County and the United Way of Metropolitan Dallas which allowed the United Way of Denton County to expand fundraising into southern Denton County to better engage local governments, non-profits, and businesses to collectively combat county-wide challenges, such as homelessness and mental health. As well, the couple have contributed over \$1.5 million dollars in college scholarships and have pledged \$50,000 toward the "Michelle & Brian Cree SWX Global Design & Production Leadership Giving Circle", which is designed to increase individual leadership gifts of \$1,000 or more for the United Way of Denton County.

I am pleased to join the United Way of Denton County in saluting philanthropists Brian and Michelle Cree as they were recently honored by the organization with the 2021 Dr. Betty Myers Humanitarian Award.

COMMEMORATING THE OPENING
OF MOJO DONUTS' NEWEST LO-
CATION

HON. CARLOS A. GIMENEZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 28, 2022

Mr. GIMENEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the opening of Mojo Donuts' newest location in Florida's 26th Congressional District. Since its inception in 2013, what started as one small business, today has expanded to several locations throughout the Miami area that specialize in gourmet donuts. Jimmy Piedrahita had a vision to bring his delicious donuts from his first location in Miami to South Florida including Kendall, Homestead, and the Florida Keys. He teamed up with Shawn Neifeld and Willie Muñoz to make his vision a reality.

The owners have taken a distinct approach that has allowed for them to create and craft unique donuts that incorporate South Florida flavors. Their achieved success has been a direct result of revolutionizing and fostering innovative ideas. These ideas have led to numerous customer favorites that include Guava and Cheese Donut, Crème Brûlée Donut, and Abuelita Donut. Over the last few years, Mojo Donuts has notably achieved significant milestones. They were the first donut shop to be featured on Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives, a well-known program featured on the Food Network that spotlights America's best food establishments.

When not working on crafting the next customer favorite, Mojo Donuts takes every opportunity to give back to the community.

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Whether it be hosting events in honor of community members who have inspired Floridians all around or running a yearly campaign for cancer awareness at their shops, Jimmy Piedrahita, Shawn Neifeld, and Willie Muñoz understand the importance of giving back to the community and ensuring that those who are less fortunate are met with the assistance they need.

It is an honor to join the South Florida community in celebrating Mojo Donuts' newest location. I congratulate Jimmy Piedrahita, Shawn Neifeld, and Willie Muñoz on this grand achievement. This new location will allow and accommodate residents from all of Florida and around the world. Small businesses such as this one are the backbone of this great nation and are the economic engine of America. I look forward to their continued success and prosperity in the future.

HONORING THE STERLING CAREER AND SERVICE OF CATHY IINO

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 28, 2022

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the tenure of a distinguished public servant in my district, Cathy Iino, of Killingworth, Connecticut. As First Selectwoman for the Town of Killingworth, Cathy chose to not seek re-election in 2021, marking a capstone to almost 20 years in service to her local community. Leading a tight-knit community of more than 6,300 residents, Cathy has consistently gone above and beyond in working with her constituency to promote the advancement of Killingworth while preserving its small-town charm. Her approach to leadership—a prime representation of eastern Connecticut values—stressed the importance of cooperation, respect, and humility.

Cathy studied Humanities at the University of Chicago, graduating in 1973. After having already moved to the nearby city of New Haven, Cathy and her husband, Paul, were in search of a place to call home, moving to Killingworth in 1996. While working as both a writer and editor, Cathy continually came across new opportunities for her community to grow, prompting her to depart from her line of work and enter the world of politics. First serving on the Board of Finance, then she found success in 2007 winning her bid to serve on the Board of Selectman—the first woman since 1993 to sit on the Board. In 2009, she elevated her leadership in the town when she was elected First Selectwoman.

During her tenure as First Selectwoman, Cathy prioritized being present and available for her residents. In 2015, for example, Cathy implemented “Coffee with the First Selectwoman,” to increase transparency and citizen participation in their town government. She would make herself routinely available for residents to talk to, whether it was outside town hall or at a local business. Though there are countless examples that demonstrate Cathy's guiding philosophy of bottom-up governing, perhaps the most successful was her ability to seek out and nurture volunteers to push forward the issues that mattered to them.

Cathy truly appreciated the difference that volunteers make in small-town communities,

embodying the spirit of volunteerism through her unwavering support of resident leaders. Being a smaller town, Killingworth has always had to put its resources to good use and has been best suited to rely on the voices of many rather than one. Frequently, Cathy encouraged residents to advocate for projects that they were passionate about, at which point she would lend her support and experience. This style of leadership is one of many traits that defined her time as First Selectwoman, and it reaped great rewards. One notable result of her support of volunteers is the restoration of Parmelee Farm, a historical site in Killingworth which had long been in a state of disrepair. Purely through volunteer efforts aided by Cathy's guiding hand, the farm has since become a vibrant area that connects the community together by way of recreation, education, preservation, and the arts.

During her time in office, Cathy was paramount to addressing the quality of Killingworth's capital assets—most notably of which would be the town's surface infrastructure. Under her leadership, a two-year study was conducted on Killingworth's roads, and the most deficient in town have since been rehabilitated.

Madam Speaker, as the congressman who represents Killingworth, I had a chance to observe up close Cathy's fine work, whether it was dealing with natural disasters, such as Hurricane Sandy or the Covid pandemic and she always performed superbly. She was extremely knowledgeable about the interaction of local, state, and federal programs which was invaluable to her town.

Madam Speaker, it is an incredible honor to represent and work with constituents as industrious and progress-oriented as Cathy Iino. Throughout her 12 years in service, Cathy has capably understood that leadership is about visualizing the connections that may exist within one's own community and then uplifting those connections in order to amplify the heartbeat of the town. Cathy is dedicating her well-deserved retirement to her family—her husband, two daughters, and one granddaughter. Even upon entering retirement, Cathy has remained civically minded, thinking about those issues which both our nation and the State of Connecticut face. Her diligent professionalism, caring nature, and honest, down-to-earth style of leadership will be impossible to replace, so we must find gratitude in that her impact on Killingworth will certainly last for generations to come. To these ends, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in honoring Cathy Iino, a steward to her community and model citizen.

IN RECOGNITION OF MONICA LYDEN MULLIN

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 28, 2022

Mr. KEATING. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Monica Lyden Mullin, a selfless, committed public servant who has dedicated over forty years to service to the people of Massachusetts.

Born in East Weymouth, Massachusetts, Monica and her seven siblings are the children of a labor leader and longtime member of

MassPort's Board of Directors. Early on, she realized that she had an affinity for public service and a commitment to helping others. Her start in government came in 1979 when she worked for then-Governor Edward J. King in the Appointments Office. Working directly with members of the House and Senate, she quickly developed the skills and relationships that would support her work throughout her career. What set Monica apart was the fact that she cared more about people than politics. For Monica, it didn't matter what the person's party affiliation was. It only mattered that they needed help and Monica could do something to make their situation a little better.

After four years at the State House and three years at Mass Housing, Monica decided to put her career on hold to raise Sean, William, and Brendan, the three boys she had with her husband, Sean. However, the call to public service was inexorable, and she joined State Senator Therese Murray's district staff working directly on constituent matters. Monica engrossed herself in district issues and never lost sight of the true aim of government—to help the constituents we serve. Whether it was base realignment efforts in 2005 that impacted Joint Base Cape Cod or planning for the Plymouth 400 commemoration. Monica honorably represented the Senator and the residents of the Plymouth and Barnstable District.

Her invaluable work was recognized throughout state government. When Senate President Murray, a Democrat, stepped down from her seat, the Republican who succeeded her asked Monica to continue as his District Director. Monica once again saw people, not politics, as the foundation of her work. She gladly stayed on and has continued to serve the people of the Plymouth and Barnstable District under Senator Viriato deMacedo and his successor, Senator Susan Moran. More recently, families, neighbors, and businesses faced upheaval as COVID-19 swept the globe. Monica's decades-long experience and deep understanding of government made an immeasurable difference for scores of constituents. She has always taken great satisfaction in helping and advocating for people, especially during the COVID crisis.

Monica's illustrious career in public service is deserving of recognition and her dedication, selflessness, and commitment to the people of Massachusetts is worthy of distinction. Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Monica Mullin on her retirement and recognizing her for her outstanding service to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

IN RECOGNITION OF BECKY STEVENS

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 28, 2022

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Becky Stevens as the recipient of the Blair County Chamber of Commerce's ATHENA Award.

This honor is awarded to individuals who continually strive for the epitome of professional development, and in turn, can excel in their career but also in our Blair County community. Becky embodies the power and wisdom of the Greek's mythological Athena

through the educational workshops she holds for our community's women, and her incredible efforts as a Divorce Financial Analyst. It is not an understatement to say that Becky is a champion for our women.

On behalf of the people of the 13th Congressional District, I am grateful to the Blair County Chamber for their work to create an environment that fosters community growth and success, and for constituents like Becky for their tireless work.

RECOGNIZING MR. DAVID JOSEPH BORCKY

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 28, 2022

Mr. VALADAO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Dave Borcky, who passed away on Tuesday, January 18, 2022.

A native of McFarland, California, Mr. Borcky served our country as a member of the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. After his return, Dave worked tirelessly in the community to ensure veterans receive the recognition they deserve through the McFarland Veterans Community Center.

Mr. Borcky was an active member of many organizations in the Central Valley. He was a member of the Lions Club and American Legion Post, participated in Boys and Girls State activities, and coached students from McFarland High School in the LEOS Club. He organized local food drives, back to school drives, and many other activities that improved the lives of the McFarland residents. In December 2011, Mr. Borcky was named Grand Marshall for the McFarland Christmas Parade.

Mr. Borcky was a key player in McFarland's community for several years. It is with great pride that I recognize him for his service and leadership to his country and his community.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in honoring the life of Mr. Dave Borcky. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends during this difficult time.

IN MEMORY OF ZENOBIA VIOLA HARRIS BIVENS

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 28, 2022

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, today I rise with a heavy heart, to remember the life of a special young woman, and to celebrate a life interrupted too soon.

Zenobia Viola Harris Bivens, 40, of Houston, Texas, passed away on January 8, 2022 after a sudden and unexpected case of meningitis.

Zenobia was a mother, wife, sister, daughter, aunt, cousin, and friend. She was born on September 15, 1981, in Goldsboro, North Carolina at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base to Johnny Harris Jr. and Major Regina V. Harris. She is preceded in death by her father, Johnny Harris Jr. and is survived by her husband, Darvell Bivens; son, Dean Roque Harris Bivens; mother, Regina V. Harris; sister,

LaGina R. Harris; and brother, Johnny B. Harris III and his wife, Jessica M. Saulter Harris.

Zenobia's greatest impact was sharing her heart and time with those that knew and loved her, especially Darvell, her college sweetheart and best friend for over 20 years. Together they gathered a 'Village' of educators, friends and family to create a loving, fun, and nurturing environment for their son Dean. Zenobia based her actions on her family values of 'God, Family, and Education'.

Zenobia graduated from San Angelo Central High School in 1999 and went on to attend college at West Texas A&M where she won a National Title in Speech and Debate was named University Woman of the Year, was featured in Glamour Magazine, and met the love of her life—Darvell Bivens. She graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in Mass Communication—Broadcasting.

She received the Future Faculty Fellowship (full scholarship to receive master's degree and doctorate) to attend the University of Alabama. While at the University, Zenobia was the co-founder of the Coalition for Change (organization dedicated to identifying and preserving historic Civil Rights sites including discovering unmarked graves of the enslaved on the campus grounds).

She graduated summa cum laude with a Master of Arts in Communication Studies from the University of Alabama. Zenobia then attended Northwestern University—Pritzker Law School where she was a legal extern to former Senator Barack Obama and graduated cum laude with a Doctor of Jurisprudence.

In her profession, Zenobia's achievements are numerous and impressive. Zenobia served as clerk for the Honorable Carl E. Stewart of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit and the Honorable Justice Dale Wainwright (ret.) of the Texas Supreme Court. She was a renowned trial and appellate lawyer.

She served as counsel in cases involving NASA, the Department of Defense, and the Department of Housing and Urban Development among many. Her cases were featured in Forbes, The New York Times, and The Houston Chronicle.

Zenobia successfully argued a case before the United States Supreme Court. At the time of her death, Zenobia was a Managing Partner for the Frost, Brown & Todd Law Firm.

She was relentless in her pursuit for justice, and this was evident in her pro bono advocacy work as she was particularly passionate about helping those who had been denied justice by the legal system that she so cherished.

Zenobia was truly a force of nature. She commanded attention and respect in any space she entered, be it a family room, courtroom, a garden, or even a podium for one of her epic speeches.

Anyone meeting Zenobia for the first time might have been intimidated by the sheer power of her presence. Those who knew Zenobia realized that one of her most significant impacts was in the one-on-one discussions, when her questions or advice could provide new confidence or reveal a new strength in those she loved.

Zenobia did not get the quantity of time on Earth she deserved or that we wanted; what she lacked in quantity, she more than made up for with quality. Zenobia once mentioned that the greatest people in history made their biggest impacts early in their lives.

She was taken physically from this world much too soon, but Zenobia leaves it, and us, better.

As Zenobia walked ahead of us, she set the bar high and built upon the foundation her predecessors laid. She walked beside us, as a companion on our own journeys of growth. She supported and sustained us when we fell. As a result of having known her, we are invigorated and stronger.

Zenobia did her work to change the world now, we must honor her by continuing ours.

HONORING THE MUNSTER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. FRANK J. MRVAN

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 28, 2022

Mr. MRVAN. Madam Speaker, it is with great admiration that I take this time to recognize the Munster Chamber of Commerce as the organization celebrates its 66th Annual Gala. This year, the Chamber will honor Damian Rico with the Volunteer of the Year award, and the Citizen of the Year award will be presented to Wendy Mis. To commemorate this special occasion, the Munster Chamber will host a celebratory event on Saturday, January 29, 2022, at the Center for Visual and Performing Arts in Munster, Indiana.

Damian Rico is this year's recipient of the Volunteer of the Year award. Mr. Rico gives of his time and efforts to numerous charitable organizations throughout the region including the Salvation Army, the Crystal Taliefero Journey with the Arts Foundation, Schererville Shock Travel Baseball, and the Munster Chamber of Commerce, to name a few. As Community Relations Director at Hospice of the Calumet Area, Mr. Rico has touched the lives of countless individuals. He believes that his career at Hospice is a calling, and I admire Damian's ability to provide support to patients and their families during such difficult times. Mr. Rico's compassion and generosity of spirit make him a perfect fit for this role. For his many contributions to the Northwest Indiana community, Damian is worthy of our highest praise.

The Citizen of the Year award will be presented to Wendy Mis, Clerk-Treasurer for the Town of Munster. Throughout her career, Mrs. Mis has served the community of Munster and Northwest Indiana in numerous capacities. In 2010, she became the Executive Director for the Munster Chamber of Commerce, a position she held for many years. Mrs. Mis was also active in the Munster School Corporation and served as a past PTO President. In addition, she has given of her time and expertise to many organizations and boards including the Munster Education Foundation, the Munster Booster Club, Friends of Hospice, the Rotary Club of Munster, and the Northern Indiana Regional Planning Commission, to name a few. For her outstanding and constant dedication to the community of Munster and beyond, Wendy is worthy of the highest commendation.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in recognizing the Munster Chamber of Commerce as the organization celebrates its 66th Annual Gala and in honoring Damian Rico as Volunteer of the Year and Wendy Mis as Citizen of

the Year. Damian and Wendy continue to serve as exemplary leaders for the Northwest Indiana community, and they are undeniably deserving of the awards bestowed upon them. Their exceptional devotion to the region and to the wellness of our community will have a positive impact for generations to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF FORMER
FALL RIVER MAYOR ROBERT
"BOB" CORREIA

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 28, 2022

Mr. KEATING. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Robert Correia, former Majority Whip of the Massachusetts House of Representatives and mayor of Fall River, Massachusetts.

Born and raised in Fall River, Bob graduated from B.M.C. Durfee High School. He would go on to attend the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth and Bridgewater State University, where he earned a Master's degree in Education. Soon after, Bob decided to serve our country and joined the U.S. Marines. After an honorable discharge in 1962, he became a math and science teacher at the Henry Lord School in Fall River.

Later in 1977, desiring to further serve his community, Bob ran for local office and was elected to the Massachusetts House of Representatives. Representing the Bristol 12th and 7th District respectively, Bob was proud of his city and his Portuguese heritage. In 1985, he founded Heritage Day of Portugal commemoration at the state house on Beacon Hill, an annual event that continues to this day. Holding several important positions over his decades of service, Bob became Majority Whip of the House of Representatives in 2002. A successful legislator, he secured state funding to develop the boardwalk that runs along the Taunton River. A boardwalk that since 2018, now bears his name. He also secured funding to repair the USS *Massachusetts* battleship at Quincy's Fore River Shipyard. Years later, in 2007, Bob was elected Fall River's 41st Mayor.

Beyond public service, Bob was the husband of his high school sweetheart, Patricia, for 60 years. Bob loved his family which included his 3 children, Robert Jr., Susan, and Mark, many grandchildren, great grandchildren, and nieces and nephews. Bob passed away on July 2, 2021. His commitment to Fall River and the people of Massachusetts will be remembered through his long-lasting contributions and his role as 'Mayor Bob.'

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor the life of Robert Correia, a former colleague and friend. I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing his many decades of public service.

IN RECOGNITION OF RICHARD L.
LOCKARD, SR.

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 28, 2022

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and memory

of Richard L. Lockard, Sr. of Altoona, Pennsylvania, who passed away on January 14, 2022, after eighty-six years of exceptional life.

Dick was a 1953 graduate of Altoona Area High School, which he later revisited to spend over forty years serving as the longest tenured board member in Altoona Area School District's board. This is unsurprising, as his colleagues describe him as a man with incomparable drive and focus on creating opportunities for the community's youth— even after their graduations.

Athletics were clearly a passion of Dick's. As chairman for the school district's athletic council, he encouraged the life lessons and character development that could be fostered from youth participation in sports. Equally as important, he encouraged friendship, and fun.

Individuals of this caliber are few and far between. On behalf of Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District, it is my privilege to celebrate the life of Richard L. Lockard, Sr. and honor his legacy. As we remember Richard for his many contributions to Blair County and its community, I extend my deepest condolences to his family and friends.

RECOGNIZING WWII VETERAN
DWIGHT BARR ON HIS 100TH
BIRTHDAY

HON. MIKE BOST

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 28, 2022

Mr. BOST. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Carbondale, Illinois, resident Dwight Barr's 100th birthday. Dwight was born to parents Wes and Blanche Barr on January 21, 1922, in Akin, Illinois. He grew up playing on his family's farm with brothers Robert, Bill, and Ed. Dwight enlisted in the Army during World War II, reaching the rank of Staff Sergeant in the 63rd battalion of the 11th Armored Infantry Division. On June 6, 1956, Dwight married Maxine Chapman and the couple planted their roots in Carbondale. They had four children; David, Mary, Danny, and James. They were later blessed with six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Dwight currently spends his days reading, spending time with his friends at the Voyage living center, and keep up with his family. Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Dwight Barr on his milestone 100th birthday. On behalf of Southern Illinois, I thank him for his service to our nation and happy birthday.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOE
GRAUPENSPERGER AND HIS
SERVICE TO THE HOUSE JUDICI-
ARY COMMITTEE

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 28, 2022

Mr. NADLER. Madam Speaker, I rise to thank Joe Graupensperger for his many years of service to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Joe came to the Committee after working at the Office of Legislative Affairs at the U.S. Department of Justice, where he handled a range of issues related to federal criminal law. He

had previously practiced law in Washington, DC, and got his J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law.

Joe was already a veteran of the Office of Legislative Affairs at the U.S. Department of Justice when he came to the Hill in 2009. Our Chairman at the time, John Conyers, Jr., brought him onto the team to handle crime policy for the Committee. Chairman Conyers's faith in Joe was well placed. Joe is, today, the Chief Counsel of our Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security—and in his span of service, Joe has drafted dozens of laws, run hundreds of hearings, and, without question, helped to improve the lives of millions of Americans.

Joe's track record speaks for itself. He has played a role in every major criminal justice reform effort that has been signed into law in the past dozen years, including the Fair Sentencing Act and the First Step Act, as well as laws to improve the National Instant Background Check System, address the rape kit backlog, reform surveillance practices, and establish rights for survivors of sexual assault.

In fact, last Congress alone, under Joe's leadership, the Crime Subcommittee advanced more than a dozen bills that were ultimately signed into law—despite a divided Congress and a Republican President. He has ensured that several other measures were signed into law this Congress as well.

This is Joe's last month as Chief Counsel for our Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security. Although we congratulate him on his engagement and wish him well on his move to Texas, we will miss his leadership, his friendship, and his steadfast dedication to justice for all. Simply put, our country is better off because of Joe's work as a public servant.

I thank Joe for his service to the Committee, and wish him the best of luck with this exciting next chapter.

IN RECOGNITION OF SCOTT
BRENNEMAN

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 28, 2022

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Scott Brenneman as the recipient of the Blair County Chamber's prestigious Donna D. Gority Servant Leadership Award.

This honor is awarded to those who embody servant leadership by making the conscious choice to serve first, and then lead, as a way of furthering their service. These qualities are admirable, and for such a reason, I am honored to recognize Mr. Brenneman as a pillar of our Blair County community. After twenty-one years of military service, Scott continued a path of selflessness and excellence, dedicating himself to involvement in Sweat for Vets, Operation Evergreen, and the Hollidaysburg Area School District Board.

On behalf of the people of the 13th Congressional District, I am grateful to the Blair County Chamber for their work to create an environment that fosters community growth and success, and for constituents like Scott for their tireless work.

IN RECOGNITION OF BRENDA SWAIN

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 28, 2022

Mr. KEATING. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Brenda Swain, a dedicated volunteer who has performed remarkable service to the greater Cape Cod community.

As a young child, Brenda's parents instilled in her a spirit of volunteerism that has remained with her to this day. Since graduating college, she has put serving others at the core of all she does. For twenty years, she worked as a substitute teacher, an early childhood educator, and director of a preschool daycare center. In Falmouth, however, Brenda is best-known for her steadfast and transformational leadership of the Falmouth Service Center.

On her first day, the Center was housed in a small room at the end of a shopping plaza with just thirty-five volunteers operating a food pantry and offering financial assistance. Today, after seventeen years of Brenda's guidance, the Falmouth Service Center has been transformed into an expansive resource for residents, providing access to health care, financial support, and food.

Under Brenda's leadership, the Falmouth Service Center now operates fourteen different programs and boasts six hundred volunteers. Over the years, Brenda worked to add numerous programs such as Falmouth Eats Together, a community-wide free meal, to the center's offerings. She created fresh markets in the Falmouth Public Schools and worked to bring a mobile dental clinic that comes once a month to the center. Brenda also developed a partnership with WE CAN—Women's Empowerment through Cape Area Networking—which uses the service center offices once a month, and constantly worked to expand the center's resources for Falmouth residents.

Madam Speaker, Brenda Swain has served as an unshakeable pillar supporting Falmouth and Cape Cod for her entire life. I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing Ms. Brenda Swain's remarkable career and commending her for her steadfast dedication to community service and volunteerism.

HONORING THE LIFE OF BETTY WHITE

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 28, 2022

Mr. LIEU. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of Betty White, who passed away on December 31, 2021, at the age of 99, three weeks before what would have been her 100th birthday. A longtime resident of California's 33rd Congressional District, Betty was a Hollywood icon and a devoted animal welfare advocate whose career in theater, film, television, and radio spanned eight decades. In that time, she earned numerous awards and accolades and endeared herself to audiences across America and around the world.

Betty was born on January 17, 1922, in Oak Park, Illinois, to Horace and Tess White. The family moved to Beverly Hills when Betty was

a child, and she graduated from Beverly Hills High School in 1939. Betty's entertainment career began as a recent graduate, when she took part in one of the first ever experimental television broadcasts. She put her career on pause because of World War II, when she served in the American Women's Voluntary Services, delivering supplies to soldiers stationed along the Santa Monica Mountains.

After the war, she dabbled in both radio and television, appearing in radio shows like *Blondie* and *This is Your FBI* and hosting the talk shows *Hollywood on Television* and *The Betty White Show*. She established herself as a force for justice on one of her eponymous shows, willing to stand up for what was right. After featuring Arthur Duncan, a Black tap dancer, on her nationally syndicated show, Betty received calls from television stations in the Jim Crow South to fire Duncan or risk being taken off the air. Rather than accede to racist demands, Betty invited him back three more times.

Though Betty had married twice before, it wasn't until her stints in the early 1960s on various game shows as a celebrity guest on *To Tell the Truth*, *I've Got a Secret*, and *What's My Line?* that she met her true love. After appearing on *Password*, she and host Allan Ludden got to know each other, and he eventually proposed. They married in 1963 and remained together until his death by stomach cancer in 1981. The couple had had no children of their own, but she helped raise Ludden's three sons and daughters from a previous marriage. Of Ludden, she said "I'll never get over him" and never remarried.

Betty played her best-known roles in the latter part of her career. She played Sue Ann Nivens on *The Mary Tyler Moore Show* from 1973 to 1977 and Rose Nyland on *The Golden Girls* from 1985 to 1992. As Sue Ann, Betty was wily, crafty, and cunning behind her wide, beaming smile, which contrasted with Rose's naivete and innocence. Both roles helped her win Emmy Awards, of which she won eight in total: five Primetime, two Daytime, and a Los Angeles regional. She also won three American Comedy Awards, three Screen Actors Guild Awards, and a Grammy.

Appearances in a Super Bowl commercial for Snickers, 2009's romantic comedy *The Proposal*, and a guest host spot on *Saturday Night Live* reintroduced Betty to a new generation of film and television viewers, sparking a resurgence in her career that lasted well into her nineties. However, she repeatedly said over the years that show business was only a means to fund her other passion: animal welfare.

Betty grew up surrounded by animals, recounting how her family at one point owned 20 dogs. Such an upbringing cemented her love for all species at an early age. She produced and starred in *The Pet Set*, a syndicated talk show in which celebrity guests talked about their pets in the early 1970s. Betty also contributed and sat on the board of trustees of a host of animal welfare organizations, including the Morris Animal Foundation, Greater Los Angeles Zoo Association, the American Humane Association, and the Fund for Animals.

Betty's support for the Los Angeles Zoo and its foundation dated back to the zoo's opening in 1966. In 1974, she joined The Greater Los Angeles Zoo Association's Board of Trustees and hosted a television special alongside sev-

eral celebrity friends, including Mary Tyler Moore, Jimmy Stewart, and Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley. In 2006, Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa honored Betty with the title of "Ambassador to the Animals," and the Los Angeles Chapter of the American Association of Zoo Keepers made her an honorary zookeeper in 2013. Throughout the years, Betty was seen at the zoo's charitable functions smiling alongside an assortment of animals, including pythons, owls, sloths, and giraffes.

Betty White's pioneering career brought laughter into the homes of millions and will continue to do so for generations to come. Her support for animal welfare over the years, which inspired thousands to carry on the torch of the cause after her death, also cannot be overstated. May her memory be a blessing.

IN RECOGNITION OF SUE GRIEP

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 28, 2022

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sue Griep as the recipient of the Blair County Chamber's prestigious Leadership Blair County Fellow Award.

This award was created in 1997 when the Leadership Blair County Steering Committee understood the need to recognize those who uphold their mission of leadership and stewardship towards the Blair County Community. While no small feat, Sue's efforts to benefit those around her have rippled through her neighbors, and her modesty only underlines the true selflessness of her dedication.

On behalf of the people of the 13th Congressional District, I am grateful to the Blair County Chamber for their environment that fosters community growth and success, and for constituents like Sue for their tireless efforts.

RECOGNIZING DR. NASIR AHMED

HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 28, 2022

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Madam Speaker, today I wish to recognize the seminal contributions of Dr. Nasir Ahmed in the field of computer science, whose work on image processing underlies much of the video conferencing and photo sharing technology that we now take for granted—technology that has been essential to getting us through this pandemic.

Born in Bangalore, India, Dr. Ahmed immigrated to the United States in 1961 to pursue a masters and then a Ph.D. at the University of New Mexico. It was there that Dr. Ahmed met his wife, Esther Parente-Ahmed, whose love and support proved instrumental to Dr. Ahmed's career. Describing Esther, Dr. Ahmed said, "she helped me all through my career; she was always next to me."

After receiving his doctorate from the University of New Mexico, Dr. Ahmed became a Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Kansas State University in 1968.

While at Kansas State, Professor Ahmed developed the discrete cosine transform, known as DCT, as a way to compress digital images. Working with his Ph.D. student, T. Raj Natarajan, and colleague, Dr. K. R. Rao, Professor Ahmed developed a working DCT algorithm, and the results, first published in 1974, "appeared too good to be true," in Dr. Ahmed's words. Indeed, the new algorithm performed better than any other method of digital image compression.

In layman's terms, digital files that contain images, photos, videos, and audio are simply too large to practically send over the internet; to share this data, it must be compressed. The discrete cosine transform is the most widely used method for compressing digital images, and DCT would become the basis for innumerable other technologies for sharing and streaming photos, video, and audio that we now take for granted.

Our zoom calls, that JPEG your friend sent you last weekend, the MP3s you listened to jogging this morning—it's all thanks to Nasir Ahmed.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of all of us who use these essential technologies every day, I want to thank Dr. Ahmed for his contributions to computer science, which have brought us together and reshaped our world in ways we could have scarcely imagined when the discrete cosine transform was first published.

HONORING THE CAREER OF DR.
BILL KATIP

HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 28, 2022

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Bill Katip as he prepares to retire from his position as president of Grace College.

Having served as Grace College president for the last 22 years, Katip led the institution in several groundbreaking initiatives including an accelerated three-year bachelor's degree program, a four-year bachelor's and master's program and Deploy—Grace's competency-based seminary program.

As a result of these initiatives, and many more, Katip has led the school through historic milestones, including Aspire, its \$40 million comprehensive campaign, and recruiting the school's largest-ever incoming class of students for the 2021–22 school year.

As successful as Katip was in strengthening Grace College's standing academically and financially, he also maintains a beloved reputation among students. Over the years, Katip made it a point to attend campus events, travel with students on trips and, most importantly, to be someone in a position of authority by whose example Christ's light shines upon the world.

I have known Dr. Katip for many years and had the opportunity to call upon his assistance several times in preparing for hearings in Congress. I know him to be not only an outstanding college president and counselor, but also a consummate friend and Christian.

I wish him and his wife, Debbie, Godspeed in a most deserved retirement. Even with his departure from Grace College, his legacy will endure, and his presence will be felt on the campus and beyond for years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF POLICE CHIEF
WALTER SWEENEY

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 28, 2022

Mr. KEATING. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the career of Police Chief Walter Sweeney, who is retiring from the Hanover Police Department after 43 years of service to our community.

Walter Sweeney grew up in Massachusetts, graduating from Hanover High School. He earned a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from Stonehill College and a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice Administration from Western New England College.

Chief Sweeney began his career with the Town of Hanover in 1977 as a volunteer firefighter and later joined the Hanover Police Department in 1978 as an emergency communications center dispatcher. From there, he rose through the ranks—serving as an officer, sergeant, and lieutenant before ultimately being appointed police chief in 2008.

Chief Sweeney pursued additional opportunities to serve his community and is an active member of several committees. He is a past president of the Plymouth County Chiefs of Police Association and a current member of the Plymouth County Outreach Board of Directors. Chief Sweeney also holds membership status in the Massachusetts Chief of Police Association, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, and the Southeastern Massachusetts Chiefs of Police. Additionally, Chief Sweeney was appointed as the Acting Town Manager for the Town of Hanover in 2012 and is also a long-time instructor at the Massachusetts State Police Academy.

Chief Sweeney's leadership and commitment to reforming law enforcement's role towards drug addiction and recovery is among his outstanding achievements. Sweeney has been on the Plymouth County Outreach team, a collaboration of police departments focused on helping those with substance abuse disorder, since its founding in 2017. The program, which Chief Sweeney was instrumental in creating, has been nationally recognized for its innovation and results after fatal overdoses in Plymouth County decreased by 26 percent. Chief Sweeney has been a strong advocate for the PCO model and presented on this program at the 2020 COAP National Forum and the 2019 PAARI National Conference.

I want to congratulate Chief Sweeney on his exemplary career and service to our community. Chief Sweeney will gather with family and friends on December 16 to celebrate his retirement from the Hanover Police Department. I thank Chief Sweeney for his lifetime of exemplary service. I wish him and his family all the best in your future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF DEE MARTIN-
SPALLONE

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 28, 2022

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dee Martin-

Spallone as the recipient of the Blair County Chamber's prestigious George Award.

Allegheny Lutheran Social Ministries, alongside the Blair County Chamber, present this award to a community member whose tireless volunteer effort do not go unnoticed, despite their ceaseless humility and modesty. Dee Martin-Spallone has been selected for her embodiment of hard work and dedication without desire for acknowledgement. Dee founded the National Organization First Book in Blair County, as well as Angel Feet Ministry, to ensure that children in need have access to new socks, shoes, and books. Further, she personally creates and sells products to raise money for the Roaring Spring Community Library, and directly works with the Altoona Area School District to provide mentorship and guidance to our community's youth.

On behalf of the people of the 13th Congressional District, I am grateful to the Blair County Chamber for their environment that fosters community growth and success, and for constituents like Miss Martin-Spallone for their tireless efforts.

HONORING BROOKE BARNARD FOR
EXEMPLARY SERVICE

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 28, 2022

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Brooke Boyer Barnard for her exemplary dedication and service to our nation. Since 2007, Brooke has worked for the House Appropriations Defense Subcommittee, most recently as the Professional Staff Member overseeing significant funding for the United States Navy and Marine Corps.

Brooke is a proud native of Fairfax Station, Virginia, and is the daughter of Gary and Cathy Boyer. She earned a bachelor's degree in Economics at the University of Virginia and a master's degree in Public Policy from George Mason University.

Brooke started her career in 2003 as a Budget Analyst for the United States Army. In 2007, Brooke transitioned to begin her storied career with the House Appropriations Committee. Over the course of her time on the committee, Brooke has overseen a wide range of accounts for the Department of Defense. As one of the most seasoned and trusted staff members, Brooke has played a key role in some of the most important decisions relating to the Department of Defense over the past 15 years. Over the past six years, Brooke directly oversaw all procurement and research, development, testing, and evaluation accounts for the Departments of Navy and Marine Corps. With her insights and deep understanding of these programs, we, as a committee, were able to make informed decisions to keep our nation safe. Simply put, we are better off because of Brooke's tremendous service.

In January, Brooke accepted an exciting opportunity with a leading defense company. While I am disappointed that she will no longer be on our staff, I am looking forward to seeing the great impact she has in shaping how industry can successfully partner with the Department of Defense.

Over the years, I have come to know Brooke as an honest broker and a friend. My

colleagues and I on the Appropriations Committee are extremely grateful for her contributions to our important work. I look forward to the day we can finally convince her to return to us.

On behalf of a grateful nation, I join my colleagues today in recognizing and commending Brooke for her service to our country, and we wish her all the best as she continues her service to the United States.

IN RECOGNITION OF COMMANDER
FRANCIS T. WILLIAMS

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 28, 2022

Mr. KEATING. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Commander Francis T. Williams, as the bridge over Scorton Creek in East Sandwich, Massachusetts, is renamed the Commander Francis T. Williams and Sandwich Veterans Memorial Bridge.

Commander Williams was a highly decorated Naval Officer with a decades-long career of service. He served honorably as an U.S. Marine from 1969 through 1975 and was deployed to Vietnam. Commander Williams was commissioned as a Naval Lieutenant in 1994 and was stationed throughout his career in Connecticut, Fort Dietrich Maryland, the National Naval Medical Center, New Hampshire, Italy, and coordinated medical logistics on the USNS Comfort. Commander Williams was deployed to Iraq and served two tours in Afghanistan. His degrees in Pharmacy, Epidemiology, and National Security and Strategy Studies helped him train the Afghan National Army and lead the evacuation of critically wounded personnel.

Commander Williams passed away on February 25, 2013, after a battle with brain cancer and a stroke while on active duty in Afghanistan. It is an honor to again recognize Commander Williams' service to his country as the bridge over Scorton Creek in East Sandwich is renamed the Commander Francis T. Williams and Sandwich Veterans Memorial Bridge.

This bridge is of particular significance to Commander Williams' family as he caught the biggest bass of his life in its shadow. Commander Williams spent much time in the area fishing, canoeing, and being outdoors. The bridge also honors all Veterans from the town for service to their country.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor the life and distinguished career of U.S. Navy Commander Francis T. Williams and all Veterans from Sandwich, Massachusetts, who are memorialized by the Commander Francis T. Williams and Sandwich Veterans Memorial Bridge. I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring these brave men and women.

RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE
DANIEL A. MANION ON HIS 80TH
BIRTHDAY

HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 28, 2022

Mrs. WALORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Honorable Daniel A.

Manion as he celebrates his 80th birthday. A lifelong Hoosier, Judge Manion has devoted his life to serving our community and our great nation.

Judge Manion has deep roots in northern Indiana and has played an important part in our region's history. He was born on February 1, 1942, in South Bend to his parents, Clarence and Virginia Manion. Judge Manion graduated from Culver Military Academy in 1960. At Culver, he participated with the Black Horse Troop in the Inaugural Parade for President Dwight Eisenhower in 1957.

Judge Manion matriculated to the University of Notre Dame in 1960, where he was a member of the University's ROTC. During his senior year, he served as Brigade Commander and received the Father John J. Cavanaugh Award. At Notre Dame, Judge Manion was a member of the wrestling and lacrosse teams. He was also a three-time champion of the annual Bengal Bouts boxing tournament. Judge Manion graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 1964 with a degree in Political Science.

Following college graduation, he was a Lieutenant in the United States Army from 1965 to 1966, serving a tour of duty in Vietnam. Later, Judge Manion served as the Director of Industrial Development for the Indiana Department of Commerce from 1969–1973 and earned a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from Indiana University in 1973. He then served as Indiana's Deputy Attorney General from 1973 to 1974.

In 1978, Judge Manion was elected to the Indiana Senate, where he served until 1982. An avid runner, he earned a reputation for jogging door to door across his district to meet Hoosiers.

Judge Manion practiced law at Doran, Manion, Boynton, Kamm & Esmont from 1974 to 1986, when he was nominated by President Ronald Reagan to serve as a circuit judge on the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals. He was confirmed in November 1986 and served as an active judge until December 2007 when he took senior status. He still serves in this capacity, regularly hearing appeals.

During his tenure on the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals, Judge Manion has authored numerous opinions. Additionally, he has mentored 65 law clerks, several of whom have gone on to become judges. Most notably, Judge Manion is the only currently sitting Judge on the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals to have one of his former law clerks as a colleague—the Honorable Judge Michael B. Brennan. After taking senior status, Judge Manion also was succeeded as an active judge on the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals by the Honorable Supreme Court Justice Amy Coney Barrett.

Judge Manion is married to his wife, Ann, who serves as President of the Women's Care Center. He has four children; Mary (husband, Tom), Katherine (husband, Joey), Patrick, and Michael; two grandchildren and two more on the way. Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate the Honorable Daniel A. Manion and his entire family on this momentous occasion of his 80th birthday.

IN RECOGNITION OF JAMIE
STUMPH

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 28, 2022

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jamie Stumph as the recipient of the Blair County Chamber's prestigious Joseph P. Rosenhamer Chamber Spirit Award.

This award was created to honor Joseph Rosenhamer, a longtime Chamber Member who served with the most ideal traits of a businessperson—with altruism, integrity, and selflessness. Mr. Rosenhamer's wisdom regarding the effectiveness of teamwork is recognized through the award's recipients, particularly through Jamie. Her dedication to the Young Entrepreneurs Academy has spanned over six years, and she has remained an active member of various other forums and councils.

On behalf of the people of the 13th Congressional District, I am grateful to the Blair County Chamber for their environment that fosters community growth and success, and for constituents like Jamie for their tireless efforts.

IN RECOGNITION OF SANDRA
"SANDY" DENTY

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 28, 2022

Mr. KEATING. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the career of Sandra "Sandy" Denty, a beloved sixth grade Science teacher at Furnace Brook Middle School in Marshfield, Massachusetts. After thirty-seven years dedicated to her students and her community, Sandy is celebrating a well-deserved retirement.

Sandy has lived in Marshfield for her entire life, where she and her family have been an integral part of the community. Her grandparents founded Marshfield's first grocery store, now the Brant Rock Market. Her father, Fred Parziale, owned barber shops around town and her mom, Dotti Parziale, managed the popular local restaurant Casabrini. Sandy and her husband, Bill, have raised two children. Kali and Billy, with the same values with which they were brought up.

Sandy graduated from Marshfield High School in 1978 and began substitute teaching with Marshfield Public Schools shortly after receiving her bachelor's degree. She made an immediate impact on the school community, and when a middle school science teacher position became available, she jumped at the opportunity.

As a sixth-grade science teacher, Sandy has a unique way of connecting with each child on an individual, personal level; through everything she says and everything she does. Sandy's greatest talent is making others feel special.

Sandy's impact on Marshfield Public Schools reaches beyond the students in her classroom. She is endlessly supportive of her colleagues, running various staff-wide competitions, sporting events and festive programs

every year. She donates her free time to making banners for Furnace Brook's "One Book One School" program. Sandy has run countless fundraisers, talent shows, and other community-building activities. In 1999, she founded the "Denty Connection", a private business that has helped many teachers get re-certified and receive graduate credits.

Sandy Denty's selfless career as a teacher in Marshfield Public Schools has come to an end after thirty-seven years, but her impact has spanned multiple generations of students and will never be forgotten. Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Sandy Denty on her retirement and recognizing her for her outstanding service to the Town of Marshfield and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

IN RECOGNITION OF CAPTAIN
MARK BERGSTROM

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 28, 2022

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the exemplary work of Captain Mark Bergstrom as he retires after a life of service in the United States Marine Corps and as a Police Officer at the University of North Texas in Denton, Texas. During his over 30 years of service to our nation and the University of North Texas Police Department, he has been a committed leader in his community.

Mark started his life of service in the Marine Corps in 1987. He served as Battalion Communications Chief Billet in the 2nd Battalion 14th Marine Regiment. He received numerous awards while serving including the Combat Action Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal, Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal, and Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal. He received an honorable discharge in 1993.

While completing college classes, Captain Bergstrom joined the UNT Police Department in 1994 as a part-time Community Service Officer. In 1996, he graduated from UNT with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Strategic Management and was hired full-time as a police officer. During his career, Captain Bergstrom has worked and served as a supervisor in every UNT Police Department division. He earned his Master Peace Officer License in 2006.

Throughout his career at the UNT Police Department, he has been recognized numerous times for outstanding service. His awards include Police Commendation, Supervisor of the Year, UNT Staff Contribution Award, and most notably, a Lifesaving Award.

On the morning of September 28, 2015, Captain Bergstrom saved a young lady in mental distress from being struck on I-35. He observed her wandering back and forth across the multi-lane highway narrowly missing being hit several times. Several vehicles had to take evasive action at high rates of speed to avoid striking her. Thanks to Mark's quick effective response, he was able to detain her safely and remove her from the roadway with no injuries or accidents.

Captain Bergstrom has devoted over 35 years to serving and protecting his country and community. For more than three decades,

he has put strangers' safety above his own, and we are indebted to him. I am deeply grateful for his service to our nation and community, and I wish Captain Bergstrom and his family the best in his retirement.

IN HONOR OF 2021 MICHIGAN
SCHOOL COUNSELOR OF THE
YEAR ELIZABETH KANAGAWA

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 28, 2022

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Elizabeth "Betsy" Kanagawa of Brownstown Charter Township, Michigan, on being named the 2021 Michigan School Counselor of the Year by the Michigan School Counselor Association. Her significant contributions to our community are worthy of commendation.

Mrs. Kanagawa is a two-time graduate of Spring Arbor University, where she studied counseling, English, psychology, and secondary education. She has been a school counselor for over nine years and works at Patrick Henry Middle School in the Woodhaven-Brownstown School District.

Known for her caring personality and innovative programs, Mrs. Kanagawa has changed her school for the better. When she noticed that students of color were getting lower PSAT scores and were at risk of being referred to the office at a high rate, she got to the root of the problem by taking the time to have important, sometimes difficult conversations with teachers and administrators and provided the interventions needed to support these students rather than discipline them. Mrs. Kanagawa has pioneered a program called "Minute Meetings" where she meets with every single student to talk about their mental health and determine how to better serve them.

With her extensive work in community intervention and mental health, Mrs. Kanagawa led the creation of the Mental Health Advisory Board which has brought together school officials and community health leaders to eliminate barriers that exist in connecting students to mental health services. She serves as a member of American School Counselor Association and the Michigan School Counselor Association, where she is on the governing board serving as the middle school level representative. She resides in Brownstown with her husband, Niko.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mrs. Elizabeth "Betsy" Kanagawa. I join with Mrs. Kanagawa's students and colleagues in thanking her for her stellar service to Patrick Henry Middle School and to our entire community. She has consistently gone above and beyond on behalf of her students and has tirelessly dedicated herself to making our schools a better place for all. We are very lucky to have her in our district and wish her the very best in the years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF LILLIAN
VACCARELLO

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 28, 2022

Mr. KEATING. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Cape Cod resident, Lillian Vaccarello, as she celebrates her 100th birthday on July 13, 2021.

Lillian was born on July 13, 1921 in Concord, Massachusetts. She was a talented athlete, playing on her high school's field hockey team, she was even voted by her classmates as "most athletic." Not long after, Lillian married her husband, Vincent Vaccarello, in 1939. They moved to Waltham, first to a triple decker surrounded by Vinny's family, until eventually purchasing a home of their own in the Warrendale neighborhood of Waltham. There, the couple would raise their four children, Janet, Diane, Skip, and Rick. Lillian worked various jobs to help support her family including working evenings at the Waltham Watch Company and as a station wagon driver for the Green Acres Nursery School. She would later become a teacher at the school while attending night classes. Lillian later joined the school's administration before retiring after 21 years.

Throughout her life, Lillian was a well-known community volunteer. Lillian was a Girl Scout Leader and a member of her community's Women's Club. She helped found the Warrendale Little League and was head of the Women's Auxiliary. Lillian has also dedicated her time to volunteering with nursing homes, Meals on Wheels, the garden club, and a local church organization that delivers meals to those in need. Lillian also loved to organize neighborhood activities to bring families and children together.

Lillian has lived a full and adventurous life. She performed on the Jay Leno Show with her tambourine group, the Concord Shakers. She took a hot balloon ride for her 80th birthday and a bi-plane tour over Cape Cod for her 93rd. In her now 100 years of life, Lillian's joy and dedication to helping others continues to be a constant presence in her new community of Cape Cod Senior Residency.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in wishing Lillian Vaccarello a very happy 100th birthday. I wish her continued health and happiness in this next year of her life.

IN RECOGNITION OF REBECCA
CULP

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 28, 2022

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Rebecca Culp as the recipient of the Blair County Chamber's prestigious Young Professional of the Year Award.

Rebecca has been awarded with this honor due to her investment into the Blair County community, and demonstrated a history of excellence, creativity, and initiative to emit a positive impact on her neighbors. As the administrative lead for Berry Solutions Group,

she has used her management experience to co-chair the Young Professionals of Blair County.

On behalf of the people of the 13th Congressional District, I am grateful to the Blair County Chamber for their environment that fosters community growth and success, and for constituents like Miss Culp for their tireless efforts.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MICHAEL
R. SALA

HON. AUMUA AMATA COLEMAN
RADEWAGEN

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 28, 2022

Mrs. RADEWAGEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of the late Michael Ryner Sala. Michael was a native son of the Territory of American Samoa, born on September 29, 1944, in the small village of Avaio in the far eastern district of the main island of Tutuila, American Samoa. His mother, Malia Elisapeta Silivelio Pa'utalo Sala Fata Eneliko Siligawas a woman of proud Samoan heritage, and his father, Raymond Ryner Howard, a Marine Platoon Sergeant in the United States Marine Corps, whose barracks were situated in the next village during WW2.

He attended Faga'itua Elementary School and then Poyer High School, now known as Samoana High School. He graduated in June 1964 and received a scholarship to pursue medical training in Fiji. His life took a turn when, during the process of preparing to leave the island, he visited the police department in Fagatogo. He ran into a family member, Lt. Vilima'a Leiato, who offered him a position as a police officer—right there on the spot.

After consulting with his mother, he decided to accept the position and thus began his long and distinguished career in law enforcement. He went on to attend the Honolulu Police Academy and later the California Highway Patrol Academy. At 22, he was the youngest officer ever promoted to Sergeant; at 24 the youngest ever promoted to Lieutenant.

At the age of 28, the High Chief Title "Tualamasala" was bestowed upon Mike. Matai titles are only given to select family members with the approval of the senior matai or high chief and members of the extended family.

In 1973, at the age of 29, he began working as a Special Investigator for the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office in Portland, Oregon, and in 1975 became a Multnomah County Sheriff. He graduated from Portland State University in March 1977 with a bachelor's degree in Administration of Justice. In 1978, he graduated from the University of Portland with a master's degree in Criminal Justice Administration. He was a candidate for a second master's degree in Public Administration and a candidate for a doctoral degree in Criminology.

He returned home to American Samoa in 1978 where he served as Deputy Commissioner of Public Safety for 20 years. He served for 15 years as the Director of Intelligence for the South Pacific Islands Criminal Intelligence Network (SPICIN), the intelligence arm of the South Pacific Chiefs of Police Conference (SPCPC) organization which is com-

prised of 21 countries in the Pacific, including Australia and New Zealand, until 2003 when SPICIN was reorganized as part of the regions' information sharing and intelligence infrastructure solely administered by the American Samoa Government.

In September 1996, the Office of Territorial and International and Criminal Intelligence and Drug Enforcement (OTICIDE) separated from the Department of Public Safety and created as an independent law enforcement agency (Task Force). As director of OTICIDE, Mike was also a director of the INTERPOL Pacific Sub-Bureau comprised of Guam, Saipan, and American Samoa as Communications Control Center (CCC), under the United States Department of Justice, National Central Bureau in Washington, D.C.

In February 2007, he was appointed the first Director of the American Samoa Department of Homeland Security, ASDHS. He retired on January 3, 2013, after 50 years of law enforcement and public safety experience in American Samoa and the US mainland.

He was a lifetime member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) and served as Chairman of the SPCPC from 1994–1995. He was Chairman of the American Samoa Government (ASG) Interagency Special Task Force on Narcotics and White-Collar Crime Enforcement for nine years. He directed a Bureau of Special Investigations within the Department of Public Safety. He was Chairman of the Preparedness Task Force on Terrorism in American Samoa, later renamed the Homeland Security Advisory Council (HSAC). He served as Vice Chairman of the eleven-member Governor's Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, as well as Chairman of the ASG Personnel Advisory Board. He presented at numerous law enforcement conferences regionally and internationally, including the IACP, Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies (APCSS), South Pacific Chiefs of Police, SPICIN and INTERPOL.

In addition to his long record of government service, Mike served his community. He was an active lifetime member and Charter President of the Lions Club in American Samoa. He joined the Boy Scouts of American Samoa in 1964 and was an active member of the Boy Scouts of America, American Samoa District Committee under the Aloha Counsel of Honolulu where he served as chairman for 17 years.

Mike was a tireless promoter of the highest ideals; he believed in friendship above all and was a true friend to countless people. His generosity of spirit and heart was legendary; he often helped people quietly when they needed it most and did not count the cost or want recognition for his many good deeds. He was fiercely loyal to his Lions Club brothers and sisters, where he encouraged and promoted many of them, especially his Lion sisters, to lead the organization after him. He was also tireless in promoting women in the workplace and mentored many worthy candidates in his years at Public Safety and Homeland Security.

Although he was extremely proud of his government service and accomplishments, he was most proud of his work with the Lions Club. Mike led the club as Charter President and then as club president four more times. He guided them in numerous community projects, including collaboration with the LBJ Medical Center, Department of Health, Feleti Barstow Library, and other government agen-

cies to conduct vision screening clinics for residents, including outreach visits to the islands of Manu'a. Teams of doctors, nurses and technicians have been hosted by the Lions to work with the local club, where they offered vision screening, eye surgery and medicine to the Samoan community, free of charge.

Mike truly believed that in order to be a good citizen, one must give to their community.

He lived his life serving his island community, his village, and his people.

He took his final breath on the morning of January 17, 2022. He is survived by his children, Jennifer Rebecca Sala Jones and Matthew Michael Sala, and his grandchildren: Olivia, Malia, and Betty Merlea.

HONORING WORLD WAR II VET-
ERAN AND LEGENDARY RE-
PORTER MORTON A. MINTZ

HON. JAMIE RASKIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 28, 2022

Mr. RASKIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Morton Abner Mintz, a World War II veteran and legendary investigative reporter who turned 100 years old this week. And what a century it has been for this great and modest man of exceptional gifts.

Born January 26, 1922, in Ann Arbor, Michigan, Mr. Mintz enlisted in the Navy after graduating from the University of Michigan. He served as Communications Officer and then Commanding Officer in World War II on USS *LST 505*, which supported troops in the D-Day Invasion of Normandy from June 6 to June 25, 1944; the Invasion of Southern France from August 15 to September 25, 1944; and in the Pacific Theater during the assault and occupation of Okinawa from May 29 to June 10, 1945, and subsequently in China.

Married for 68 years to the lovely Anita Inez Franz until she passed away in 2015, he has two daughters, Margaret and Roberta, and a son Daniel, 10 grandchildren and a great-grandson. Following his service in the Navy, Mr. Mintz became a newspaper reporter and editor in St. Louis, then moved to Washington, D.C. to work at the Washington Post in 1958. He was to become one of America's most independent, highly respected, and public-interested reporters. For decades he was a first-class investigative journalist and peerless muckraker.

Widely recognized by his peers for his relentless focus on protecting the public against both corporate and governmental abuses of power, the prodigious Mr. Mintz covered a wide range of topics, including anticompetitive business practices, automobile safety, air pollution, the tobacco, pharmaceutical and medical device industries, waste and fraud in military contracting, the corrupting power of the campaign finance regime and the corrosive influence of lobbying and large corporate donations on elected officials. He knew much could be learned from covering seemingly obscure congressional hearings and reading the fine print in legislation and administrative rule-making processes.

Mr. Mintz' dogged investigative work repeatedly exposed corporate actions undertaken to

increase profit at the expense of consumer safety, leading to significant government regulations that curbed corporate misconduct and saved lives.

In 1962, he broke the story of how FDA scientist Frances Kelsey had discovered the dangers of the drug Thalidomide, which led to the last-minute banning of the drug from entering the US market and likely avoiding thousands of horrifying birth defects as were experienced in Europe. In the late 1960s, Mr. Mintz chronicled the inadequate testing of the original birth control pills and, years later, tracked the story of how a pharmaceutical corporation willfully ignored the safety hazards of the contraceptive Dalkon Shield, causing serious injury to thousands of women. He broke the extraordinary story of General Motors' corporate surveillance of Ralph Nader, the automaker's biggest public critic. He wrote about how profit driven decisions in the infant formula business led to great harm in impoverished populations with limited access to safe drinking water. And he reckoned with difficult and indigestible truths, such as in a 1983 exclusive interview with Assistant Secretary of War John J. McCloy, who had served in the Roosevelt administration, where he revealed some of the story behind the refusal of the United States during World War II to bomb the rail lines transporting Holocaust victims to the Birkenau or the Auschwitz concentration camps.

Following his retirement from the Washington Post in 1988, Mr. Mintz continued his work as a journalist and media critic. In 1993, he exposed the failure of the American Civil Liberties Union to inform its members that it accepted money from the tobacco industry and, under the guise of defending free speech, also actively opposed legislation that would ban or limit tobacco advertising and promotion. In 1999, he wrote media criticism for *Tompaine.com*. "Mort Wants to Know," and posed questions that the press should be asking of presidential and congressional candidates in the 2000 national elections. A Senior Advisor to the Nieman Watchdog Project for many years, he also contributed commentary to *niemanwatchdog.org* on vital topics including military spending, congressional ethics and oversight, single payer health insurance, pharmaceutical pricing, executive pay, corporate welfare and the corporate shield that protects executives from punishment for their decisions to market products known to be harmful, as well as tough questions that reporters should be asking legislators and corporate executives. He served as chair of The Fund for Investigative Journalism for three years and on the board of Project on Government Oversight (POGO).

Mr. Mintz was an active member of the Washington-Baltimore News Guild. His best-selling book "America, Inc.: Who Owns and Operates the United States," written with the late Jerry S. Cohen, demonstrated the pervasive and often hidden influence of corporate power. Mintz and Cohen later co-wrote "Power, Inc.: Public and Private Rulers and How to Make Them Accountable," continuing their investigation of the pernicious impact of unaccountable power in the interlocking corporate and government realms. Mr. Mintz's other books include "The Therapeutic Nightmare," "By Prescription Only," "The Pill: An Alarming Report" and "At Any Cost: Corporate Greed, Women, and the Dalkon Shield." He received many prestigious journalism awards

including Nieman Fellowship 1964, the Worth Bingham, Heywood Broun, Raymond Clapper and George Polk Memorial Awards, the Columbia Journalism Award, The Playboy Foundation's Hugh M. Hefner First Amendment Award for Lifetime Achievement, (More) Magazine's A.J. Liebling Award, the Washington-Baltimore Newspaper Guild award for Public Service and for Distinguished Writing and the Association of Trial Lawyers of America Special Literary-Public Service Award.

I have known Morton Mintz since the seventh grade when his son Daniel became one of my closest friends. As kids, we all marveled at Mr. Mintz, an old-fashioned gentleman with a golden pen, rock-ribbed integrity and sparkling intelligence.

I commend Mr. Mintz for his splendid commitment and service to the public interest always—whether the subject be consumer safety, corporate and government accountability, or the truth about humanity's wars—through his many decades of extraordinary investigative reporting, I am proud to share a small piece of his story with my colleagues and the nation.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Morton Mintz on the occasion of his 100th birthday for his exceptional service to our nation, both as a patriot in uniform and as a crusading investigative reporter in love with the truth.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF PASTOR LEON JONES

HON. JEFF DUNCAN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 28, 2022

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a great friend, Pastor Leon Jones of First Baptist Church of Ware Shoals in Ware Shoals, SC, on his retirement. During his nearly twenty-five years of service, Pastor Jones has been a spiritual leader of the community and continues to put others before himself.

Ware Shoals First Baptist Church was founded in 1908 and has seen sixteen pastors in its time. Pastor Jones will retire as the longest serving pastor of the church, with nearly twenty-five years of service to the church and the community. His ministry came to Ware Shoals First Baptist Church in 1997, and I, along with many others in the Third District of South Carolina, have been personally impacted by his message of faith.

When I think of Pastor Jones, I am reminded of Jeremiah 3:15: "Then I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will lead you with knowledge and understanding." Pastor Jones is a shepherd and teacher in his community, and his compassion and love for others has been exemplified through his service to Ware Shoals First Baptist Church.

After his retirement, Pastor Jones will settle in Elgin, SC, with his wife. There is no doubt in my mind that he will continue to be a leader in ministry and change the lives of everyone he meets. His unconditional love for others reflects the Lord in every way. I am grateful to call Pastor Jones my friend and to have attended First Baptist Church of Ware Shoals while he served.

Madam Speaker, it is an honor to serve the Third District of South Carolina and to honor

those, like Pastor Jones, who have made an immeasurable impact on communities, like Ware Shoals, SC, in faith.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ANTHONY DiPACE

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 28, 2022

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today and ask the House to observe the passing of a true gentleman and public-spirited citizen of the State of Connecticut, Mr. Anthony "Tony" DiPace. After a courageous battle with cancer, Tony unfortunately passed on from this earth on January 22, 2022, at the age of 62.

Born in Hartford in 1960 to Concetta and Angela DiPace, Tony was ingrained with the Connecticut spirit since birth. It was not long after his entry into this world, however, that tragedy was forced upon him with the loss of his mother, resulting in an early transition into the loving Wee and Rose Crowley household based in Enfield, Connecticut. Both out of this loss and his fostering under the Crowley's, Tony gained an early understanding to the importance of discovering one's own roots and connecting with those who surround us in our daily lives. It was therefore without question that upon graduating Fermi High School in 1978, Tony saw the value in keeping close to the town that raised him and went on to graduate at the top of his class from United Technical School in Springfield, Massachusetts just a stone's throw away from Enfield.

Armed with his certification as a master mechanic, Tony quickly became an integral part of his hometown, opening his own automotive business, "Hazard Motors." Though he kept up with the success of his one-stop-shop for more than 34 years in order to build a foundation for his family, he also always put the customer-in-need before himself. Beyond the success of his business, Tony lived a life in constant search for new connections with his neighbors so that, together, they could work to create a more prosperous town for the next generation, including his son, Anthony.

It is with no surprise that a caring man like Tony found time to wear just about every hat in town. Included within his tenured service was 40 years with the Enfield Democratic Town Committee, where he constantly discussed and put forward municipal priorities. His dedication earned him a several stints in both elected and membership positions, including his advocacy as the former Chairman of the Enfield Planning & Zoning Commission as well as his service as the Chair of the Democratic Town Committee. Throughout all of these efforts, his clear and present passion and candid character made him a capable unifying voice in Enfield, which he was most recently recognized for with the William "Red" Edger, Jr. "Democrat of the Year" Award in 2021.

Tony was also sought to establish a positive impact with the town's youth. Whether it was through the local concession stand, as coach for youth teams, or his sponsorship of the youth basketball and baseball programs, it was always Tony's goal to set up the next generation for success, affording them the

same appreciation for the Town which he found while growing up.

Madam Speaker, Tony was purely altruistic, always thinking of those around him and how he could help them. I had the distinct pleasure and honor to know Tony for over 20 years and often had a front-row seat to his fine work in the auto repair business. He always had his sleeves folded up, ready to get into the grease and get the job done in order to excel beyond the needs of the customer. I also know that he was diligent and passionate with his involvement in town affairs and that he poured his heart and soul into any activity laid before him. Through everything he accomplished, whether it was his contributions to the town's economy, through municipal government, or investing in youth activities, it is worth emphasizing that it was always about leaving behind a stronger community for whom Tony considered family. Though this perspective was Tony's guiding North Star throughout his entire life, everything he did, was in some small way tied to leaving Enfield and our State a better place for Anthony.

Madam Speaker, though the Enfield community lost a force for good with the passing of Tony DiPace, we will always find the space to honor his legacy which now thrives through just about every member of the Enfield community. It is also through the roots of the Crowley family that we can entrust Tony's many surviving brothers and sisters—wherever they may reside—to carry his memory forward. To that end, it is with great respect and admiration that I ask my colleagues in the House join me, in addition to all those that will remember Tony DiPace, in honoring his life and impact on his community.

IN RECOGNITION OF NICOLE
ZERNICK

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 28, 2022

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Nicole Zernick as the recipient of the Blair County Chamber's prestigious Judith A. Rossie Educator of the Year Award.

Jodi Rossi was a beloved educator that is honored through an award that represents the importance of having a positive impact on students and our community's school systems. Nicole has served as a key between the business and educational communities in Blair County, and we are proud to applaud her. She has selflessly helped countless high school students take the steps to identify possible career paths through education and encouragement.

On behalf of the people of the 13th Congressional District, I am grateful to the Blair County Chamber for their environment that fosters community growth and success, and for constituents like Nicole for their tireless efforts.

IN RECOGNITION OF ESTHER
HOPKINS

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 28, 2022

Mr. KEATING. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the life of Esther Hopkins, the

first African-American Framingham Selectwoman, a chemist, an environmental attorney, and a mother.

Esther Hopkins passed away on May 19, 2021, at the age of 94. Hopkins was born on September 18, 1926, in Stamford, CT. Throughout her life, she broke down barriers, surpassed milestones, and led a life full of notable accomplishments. Hopkins was highly educated, achieving multiple degrees over her lifetime. She received her B.A. from Boston University, her M.A. and M.S. from Howard University, her J.D. from Suffolk University Law School, and her Ph.D. from Yale University. Esther was a chemist, environmental attorney, and elected public official in Framingham. She is remembered for not only those accomplishments but also her consistent respect and kindness towards others.

Following her Ph.D., she was offered a job with the Polaroid Corporation where she led the Emulsion Coating and Analysis Laboratory. Following her time at Polaroid, she joined the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection as the Deputy General Counsel, which eventually led to her time as an elected official of Framingham. In 1999, she became the first African-American woman to serve on the Board of Selectmen in Framingham, eventually becoming the chair of the board. Following her time as a Selectwoman, she joined the Keefe Tech Regional Vocational School Committee. Additionally, Esther was involved with the Framingham Finance Commission and Framingham's Tercentennial Celebration. After quite an impressive life and career, Hopkins retired to Martha's Vineyard with son, Ewell Hopkins, Jr.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Esther Hopkins. I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing her accomplishments and her life. She will be dearly missed by so many.